

REGISTRATION OF SHELL EGG HANDLERS

**§ 57.690 Persons required to register.**

Shell egg handlers, except for producer-packers with an annual egg production from a flock of 3,000 hens or less, who grade and pack eggs for the ultimate consumer, and hatcheries are required to register with the U.S. Department of Agriculture by furnishing their name, place of business, and such other information as is requested on forms provided by or available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Completed forms shall be sent to the addressee indicated on the form. Persons as those listed above who are establishing a business will be required to register before they start operations.

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INSPECTION AND DISPOSITION OF  
RESTRICTED EGGS

**§ 57.700 Prohibition on disposition of restricted eggs.**

(a) No person shall buy, sell, or transport, or offer to buy or sell, or offer or receive for transportation in any business in commerce any restricted eggs, except as authorized in §§ 57.100 and 57.720.

(b) No egg handler shall possess any restricted eggs, except as authorized in §§ 57.100 and 57.720.

(c) No egg handler shall use any restricted eggs in the preparation of human food, except as provided in §§ 57.100 and 57.720.

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**§ 57.720 Disposition of restricted eggs.**

(a) Eggs classified as checks, dirties, incubator rejects, inedibles, leakers, or loss shall be disposed of by one of the following methods at point and time of segregation:

(1) Checks and dirties shall be labeled in accordance with § 57.800 and shipped directly or indirectly to an official egg products plant for segregation and

processing. Inedible and loss eggs shall not be intermingled in the same container with checks and dirties.

(2) By destruction in a manner approved by the Administrator, such as crushing and denaturing or decharacterizing in accordance with § 57.504(c) and identifying the product as “Inedible Egg Product—Not To Be Used As Human Food.”

(3) Processing for industrial use or for animal food. Such product shall be denatured or decharacterized in accordance with § 57.504(c) and identified as provided in §§ 57.840 and 57.860, or handled in accordance with other procedures approved by the Administrator. Notwithstanding the foregoing, product which was produced under official supervision and transported for industrial use or animal food need not be denatured or decharacterized if it is shipped under Government seal and received by an inspector or grader as defined in this part.

(4) By coloring the shells of loss and inedible eggs with a sufficient amount of FD&C color to give a distinct appearance, or applying a substance that will penetrate the shell and decharacterize the egg meat. Except that, lots of eggs containing significant percentages of blood spots or meat spots, but no other types of loss or inedible eggs may be shipped directly to official egg products plants, provided they are conspicuously labeled with the name and address of the shipper and the wording “Spots—For Processing Only In Official Egg Products Plants.”

(5) Incubator rejects shall be broken or crushed and denatured or decharacterized in accordance with § 57.504(c) and labeled as required in §§ 57.840 and 57.860.

(b) Eggs which are packed for the ultimate consumer and which have been found to exceed the tolerance for restricted eggs permitted in the official standards for U.S. Consumer Grade B shall be identified as required in §§ 57.800 and 57.860 and shall be shipped directly or indirectly:

(1) To an official egg products plant for proper segregation and processing; or

(2) Be regraded so that they comply with the official standards; or